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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Materiel, OSA

SUBJECT: U-2:

1. On 30 October Kelly Johnson called to say that further study of the SAC U-2 overseas that had a wing crack has now been determined to have been the result of metal fatigue. Kelly said that the aircraft in question had about 4,900 hours. He and his people have been pondering how to inspect or cope with this problem in other aircraft. He said at first glance it would seem to be appropriate, at some point in time, to reskin the bottom of the wing of aircraft requiring such treatment. On the other hand perhaps inspections might suffice.

2. Kelly wishes to brief Headquarters people at his location on the results of their study and thinking, perhaps later this week. I suggested possibly raising this matter on 9 November during the U-2R conference. I said, however, that I would check with General Bacalis and [] for their views. Kelly reiterated that this is a perplexing problem. Col. Boyd of Wright-Patterson is visiting Lockheed Thursday at 10 o'clock to review the above mentioned matter. In view of its possible seriousness he suggests that we may wish to send [] or his representative to attend the same meeting.

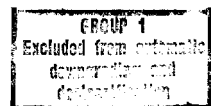
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